GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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SLUM DWELLERS IN CHANDIGARH
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether slum dwellers in UT Chandigarh enrolled as voters as on 8.12.1996 are entitled to allotment of tenement in rehabilitation colonies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether demolitions were carried out recently without relocating the eligible persons;

(d) if so, whether conditions for rehabilitation under the relevant scheme were changed sometime back;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the retention of the conditions relating to enrolment in the voters` lists only has deprived a number of slum dwellers settled in Chandigarh since very long of the right to seek allotment of a tenement under the Scheme;

(g) if so, whether there have been complaints that in many cases names were deleted from the voters` lists though the concerned persons were given enumeration slips and had been voters many year before that date; and

(h) if so, the details of system, if any, to redress such grievances?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)&(b): According to Union Territory of Chandigarh Administration, under the `Licensing of Tenements and Sites and Services in Chandigarh Scheme 1979` all the persons who are bonafide residents of labour colonies and whose names are included in the voters list between 1990 and 8th December, 1996 being the date of first election to the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh, are eligible for allotment of sites and tenements. Since there is large-scale seasonal migration in Chandigarh, precise number of eligible persons for rehabilitation cannot be ascertained.

(c): Encroachments on public land were removed after following the due process of law. Eligible people who are bonafide residents of Chandigarh and living in the designated labour colonies are being rehabilitated.

(d)&(e): The conditions of rehabilitation under the said scheme of 1979 were amended in the year 2000. The amendment carried out in the scheme relaxed the earlier stipulation of a single cut off date of 8.12.96 to include all such bonafide residents of labour colonies, whose names figure in the voter list between 1990 and 8th December, 1996. The said amendment benefited the bonafide residents of labour colonies as the time period within which an entry in the voter list is to be reckoned, a necessary condition for rehabilitation, was extended.

(f)to(h): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.